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Chopteeth Gets Funky at Lee District Nights

Chopteeth, a 14-piece Afrofunk orchestra, will perform their percussion-driven, energetic melodies at Lee District Park Amphitheater on Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Based in Washington, D.C., the band emerged in 2004 and has played many prestigious festivals and venues in the area. The core of Chopteeth's sound is Afrobeat: a spicy stew of modern jazz, Yoruba tribal music and burning rhythms. The band then mixes in classic Ghanaian funk, Senegalese rumba and Jamaican ska, creating a massive groove punctuated by a dynamic five-piece horn section. Band members complete their unique and sensuous sound with lyrics sung in seven different languages.

Lee District Nights, a summer concert series, can be enjoyed at Lee District Park Amphitheater on Wednesday evenings and at Kingstowne Towne Center on Fridays. The free performances feature a wide variety of musical acts from jazz to big band, classic to bluegrass, swing, folk and vintage rock and roll.

Lee District Park Amphitheater is located at 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Concerts are held outdoors, so bring a picnic dinner and blankets, and sit back and enjoy the show. If there is a threat of bad weather call (703) 324-SHOW after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates.

Lee District Nights is made possible through the efforts of the Lee District Supervisor and Friends of the Lee District Nights in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the generous support of the local business community.

For more information about any of the summer series contact the Public Information Office at (703) 324-8662 or visit us online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/.

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